



ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY
Resolution No. AF20-0324-1
(Emergency Declaration – COVID-19 Pandemic)

A FORMAL RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority (Authority) is responding to the spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic and working with federal, state, and local governmental authorities to combat and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak and to assist all Authority residents with the effects of the outbreak, this Emergency Declaration is intended to further assist these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, on March 11, 2020, declared that a State of Emergency exists in Arizona due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and determined that the outbreak presents conditions that are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of services, personnel equipment, and facilities of any single county, city/town or local jurisdiction, and which requires the combined efforts of the State of Arizona and the political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Arizona Department of Health Services have issued multiple recommendations to combat or reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak, which include recommendations on social distancing, avoiding social gatherings and the postponement of certain community in-person events; and,

WHEREAS, Authority residents are largely senior citizens which are highly susceptible and recent cases have shown the elderly to be uniquely vulnerable to the most extreme cases of the disease and suffer its most dire consequences, it is the sole mission and goal of the Authority to protect the residents and personnel of the Authority from this disease and its effects; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority must use all available preventive measures to combat the effects and spread of COVID-19, which will require access to services, personnel, equipment, facilities, and other resources, potentially including resources beyond those currently available, to prepare for and respond to any potential cases and the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority hereby determines that there is the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons or property within the Authority caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city/town or local jurisdiction which require the combined efforts of the state and its political subdivisions; and therefore there exists a State of Emergency within the boundaries of the Authority.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority hereby:

1. Declare and deem that a State of Emergency exists across the Authority, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to take all lawful actions necessary to respond to this Emergency and to take all appropriate actions to mitigate the effects and spread of COVID-19 and assist the Authority and its residents with the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak including, but not limited to; closing Authority administrative facilities that may reasonably be closed; limiting the hours of operations for Authority administrative facilities; restricting the public from visiting fire stations; temporarily suspending Fire Corps, Community Assistance Programs, and other resident programs; imposing reasonable screenings for access to or to remain in Authority facilities. Further, the Fire Chief may suspend or cancel any other non-essential activity or operation that may endanger the health, safety, or general welfare of the public as determined by the Fire Chief, or his designee.
3. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to declare that vital and necessary expenditures for materials, goods, or services related to mitigating the spread of COVID-19 or related to assisting the Authority and its residents/personnel with the effects of COVID-19 to be emergency purchases under Policy Manual, Policy No. 8.02 – Purchasing Policy; and, authorize the suspension of any required preauthorization/competitive bidding processes for such necessary materials, goods, or services, up to a maximum of \$50,000 per item and within the budgetary constraints of the Fiscal Year 2019/20 budget and Capital Plan. All emergency purchase details will be forwarded to the Governing Board as soon as possible and are subject to Governing Board review after the conclusion of the emergency.
4. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to seek and obtain financial and other forms of aid, relief, and assistance from federal, state, and county authorities, to the extent available and required by the emergency.
5. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to execute any Shared Services, Shared Staffing or other agreement types that may be necessary and to modify standard response models or other policies and procedures, to assist the Authority and its regional partners in responding to or limiting the spread/effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
6. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to modify existing Administrative Policies and Procedures relating to staffing levels, response models, and operational procedures, including the hiring of temporary personnel, to assist the Authority in limiting the spread or effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until a termination of the emergency is approved by the Governing Board.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Board of the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority at a duly noticed meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

ATTEST:


G David Wilson (Mar 27, 2020)
David Wilson, Board Chairman


Dawn Miller (Mar 30, 2020)
Dawn Miller, Board Clerk









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